

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING  
EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**13 June 2005**

**Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:05 am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Ronita Appiah, RN**

**Kathleen Breguet, RN, MSN**

**Susan Day, RN, MS**

**William Dodd, CRNA**

**Theresa Jeremiah, RN**

**Samuel Havens**

**Donna Policastro, RNP**

**Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN**

**Cristiana Rosa, PCNS**

**Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, Vice President**

**Mary Dowd Struck, RN, MS, CNM**

**Eve Sweeney, RN, MSN, CS, President**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Deborah G. Brown, RN, MSN**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Jean Marie Rocha, MPH, RN Director, Nurse Registration & Nursing Education**

**Elizabeth James, RN**

**Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief of Health Professional Regulations**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Marcia Bliss**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**Ms. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 8:10 am. A quorum was established.**

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF May 9, 2005**

**On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes as amended.**

**VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION OF May 9, 2005  
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE  
ISLAND GENERAL LAWS**

**On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Ms. Rosa, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session of May 9, 2005 and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- NCSBN annual delegate assembly meeting is August 2005. Delegate material to be mailed to the board members for review and discussion. Board meeting scheduled for August is canceled.**
- Nominations for Board officers are slated for the July meeting.**

## **DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT**

- Ms. Rocha reported on the first AHRQ-Health Information Technology Patient Safety Conference held in Washington, DC.**

## **BUSINESS**

- Board members requesting to meet with the Director of Health to discuss the Board of Nursing.**

**On motion of Ms. Policastro, seconded by Ms. Smith, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for**

**licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 8:30 am.**

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Ms. Sweeney called the Open Session back to Order at 12:35 pm**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**No announcements made.**

## **PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

**The Board unanimously voted the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:**

**Maureen Praschumus, LPN Voluntary Surrender**

**Edifice Bemah, RN Reprimand**

**Peter Sabourin, RN Voluntary Surrender**

**Patricia Daruka, RN Reinstate with Probation**

**Sheila Dunn, RN Reinstate with Probation**

**Anna Matthias, RN Voluntary Surrender**

**Joan Nevins, RN NUC**

**Mary Costa, LPN NUC**

**John Morgan, RN Grant License**

**Stephen Von Hausen, LPN NUC w LOC**

**John P. Famolaro, RN Deny License**

**Linda Pichette, LPN NUC**

## **VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS**

**On motion of Ms. Day, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Ms. Day, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:35 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Ronita Appiah, RN, Secretary**